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5 May 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, FBIS
 THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
 SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau--April 1982

I. GENERAL

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New editors [redacted] have begun independent shifts. Both are learning quickly and adjusting to life in Bahrain well. Editor [redacted] replaced, is expected to give birth about 21 May. STAT

Manama Embassy, following the lead of Bahraini ministries, declared 14 April a local holiday. Bahrain declared the holiday in solidarity with the West Bank Palestinians. Although the bureau had to adjust work schedules on short notice, operations were not affected.

In the absence of comment on Bahrain from Iran's Arabic service, the Embassy expressed renewed interest in material filed from the Tehran Arabic magazine ASH-SHAHID. The glossy bi-weekly, which is mailed to Gulf by PMU, publishes interviews with and statements by leaders of the Iran-based Bahrain Liberation Front.

Since Tehran radio in recent weeks has chosen to ignore the on-going trial of those charged with conspiring to overthrow the Bahraini Government, the comments in ASH-SHAHID are particularly welcomed by the Embassy as evidence of continued Iranian interest in the fate of the "oppressed masses" on the island.

The bureau amended its working hours slightly to accommodate a COB one-half hour earlier than before. The new Bureau closedown, 2000 GMT, has had no effect on operations.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. In response to another request from the BBC to enable it to allow one of its Pashto/Dari monitors leave, Gulf covered Kabul Domestic Service programs on 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17 April. As before, program summaries for the major newscasts at 1530 and 1600 GMT were wirefiled to the BBC for use by the reports section.

2. The bureau covered the Kuwaiti newspapers AL-WATAN and its weekly version AL-HADAF as well as Riyadh AR-RIYAD and AL-JAZIRAH 7-21 April for PMU during its Arabic monitor's annual leave.

3. In response to an urgent request from Bangkok Bureau, Karachi Domestic Service's main newscast at 1500 GMT was covered on 18 April. The arrangement was necessitated by a sudden illness in Bangkok's Urdu team.

4. The bureau also covered Cairo Domestic Service briefly on the evening of 21 April to allow Nicosia Bureau's Arabic monitors to concentrate on Lebanese transmitters in the aftermath of Israeli air raids on Lebanon that day. Reception of Cairo was fair/good on its shortwave frequencies.

5. After repeated queries from the bureau, American Embassy Beirut finally responded that it finds the bureau's wirefiled material from the clandestine Voice of Lebanese Armenians radio "very useful." Coverage of this transmitter, which was initiated at the Embassy's request, is arranged jointly with Nicosia, the latter recording the broadcasts and mailing them to Gulf for processing.

6. Bandar 'Abbas Domestic Service became audible for the first time carrying a local newscast at 1330 GMT. This cast has been added to permanent coverage and several worthwhile items have already been filed.

7. The confession by former Iranian Foreign Minister Qotbzadeh of involvement in the coup attempt against the Khomeyni regime, originally carried by Tehran television and radio on 20 April but indistinct, was processed in full from the 20 April issue of Keyhan. A check by London PMU confirmed that its local newsagent is experiencing problems in supplying all issues of the Iranian newspapers currently under subscription.

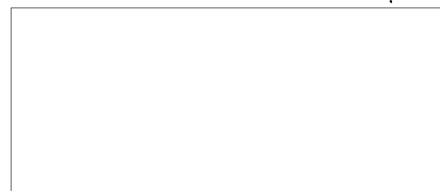
8. Kabul radio's Arabic newscast at 1700 GMT became audible with a change of frequency and has been added to coverage. The program is a useful addition since other Kabul programs are heard with poor reception.

III. PERSONNEL

Persian/Dari monitor [] became a father for the second time on 2 April. Mother and daughter are doing well. STAT

IV. VISITS

Bureau Chief [] left for the United States 10 April for the annual bureau chiefs conference and some annual leave. He will return 8 May. STAT



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Deputy Chief

GULF BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR APRIL 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	278,560
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	94,590
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	734

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	12,465 mins.	7,350 mins.	167.5 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

AFGHANISTAN

Kabul in English to South Asia	2,310
Kabul in Urdu to South Asia	170
Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto	4,080
Kabul Domestic Service in Dari	730
Kabul International Service in Arabic	880

BAHRAIN

Manama Domestic Service in Arabic	9,230
Manama Domestic Service in English	0
Manama Domestic Television Service in Arabic	250
Manama WAKH in Arabic	36,010
Manama GULF NEWS AGENCY in English	0

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Manama AKBAR AL-KHALIJ in Arabic			3,660
Manama AL-ADWA in Arabic			0
Manama GULF DAILY NEWS in English			1,050
Manama GULF MIRROR in English			0
Manama SADA AL-USBU in Arabic			0
Manama AL-MAWAQIF in Arabic			170

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Voice of Lebanese Armenians in Armenian	6,490
(Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Azeri to Iran	0
(Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran	5,730
(Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran	2,540
(Clandestine) Voice of Iran in Persian	3,920
(Clandestine) Ahvaz Voice of Al-Qadisiyah in Arabic	380
(Clandestine) Voice of Iraqi Islamic Revolution in Arabic	230

IRAN

Tehran International Service in Arabic	8,370
Tehran International Service in Russian	0
Tehran International Service in Turkish	9,600
Tehran International Service in Urdu	270
Zahedan International Service in Urdu	0
Tehran Domestic Service in Persian	660
Abadan Domestic Television Service in Persian	0
Tehran Domestic Television Service in Persian	0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tehran International Service in Pashto	0		
Abadan NIOC Radio in Arabic	960		
Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian	680		
Mashhad Domestic Service in Persian	200		
Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian	2,950		
Tehran IRNA in English		0	
Tehran IRNA in Arabic		0	
Bushehr Domestic Service in Persian	0		
Tehran Jomhuri-Ye Eslami in Persian			4,650
Tehran Ettela'at in Persian			90
Tehran Keyhan in Persian			1,350
Bandar Abbas Domestic Service in Persian	2,830		
Tehran Ash-Sharid in Arabic			690

IRAQ

Baghdad International Service in Azeri	5,000		
Baghdad Domestic Service in Arabic	340		

KUWAIT

Kuwait AL-ANBA' in Arabic			3,470
Kuwait AL-QABAS in Arabic			3,510
Kuwait AR-RA'Y AL-'AMM in Arabic			3,850
Kuwait ARAB TIMES in English			2,760
Kuwait AS-SIYASAH in Arabic			3,030
Kuwait AL-WATAN in Arabic			4,480

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
<u>OMAN</u>			
Muscat Domestic Service in Arabic	11,150		
Salalah Domestic Service in Arabic	2,070		
Muscat TIMES OF OMAN in English			0
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	520		
Karachi DAWN in English			9,350
Karachi JANG in Urdu			1,010
Karachi JASARAT in Urdu			4,290
Karachi MASHRIQ in Urdu			760
Lahore NAWA-E WAQT in Urdu			0
<u>QATAR</u>			
Doha Domestic Service in Arabic	4,320		
Doha QNA in Arabic		13,570	
Doha AR-RAYAH in Arabic			1,540
<u>SAUDI ARABIA</u>			
Riyadh Domestic Service in Arabic	820		
Riyadh Domestic Television Service in Arabic	2,430		
Riyadh Domestic Television Service in English	0		
Ad-Dammam AL-YAWM in Arabic			4,040
Jidda AL-BILAD in Arabic			680
Jidda AL-MADINAH in Arabic			7,550
Jidda International Service in Turkmen	0		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Riyadh Ar-Riyadh in Arabic			3,000
Riyadh Al-Jazirah in Arabic			1,980

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

Moscow in Dari to Afghanistan	0		
Moscow in Persian to Iran	6,890		
Baku International Service in Azeri	2,260		
Tashkent International Service in Uzbek	6,260		
Yerevan International Service in Armenian	1,970		
Ashkabad Domestic Service in Russian	4,790		
Baku Domestic Service in Russian	0		
Tashkent Domestic Service in Russian	670		
Yerevan Domestic Service in Armenian	1,760		
Dushanbe Domestic Service in Russian	330		
Tashkent International Service in Uighur	5,320		

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Abu Dhabi Domestic Service in Arabic	11,730		
Dubayy Domestic Service in Arabic	220		
Abu Dhabi WAM in Arabic		12,430	
Abu Dhabi AL-FAJR in Arabic			990
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD in Arabic			990
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I in Arabic			0
Ash-Shariqah AL-KHALIJ in Arabic			6,490
Dubayy AL-BAYAN in Arabic			1,210
Dubayy KHALEEJ TIMES in English			7,600

Attachment A

ENGINEERING REPORT--GULF BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 1982

Equipment received: None

Equipment transferred: None

Projects: None